

Lincoln's Legacy of Inspiration to Americans

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Part VI.—The President Who Remained One of the People.

It was with no feeling of elation or confidence that Lincoln found himself president-elect. He was not permitted to enjoy even a moment of his well-earned success. The period that intervened between his election and his inauguration witnessed a spectacle which had no parallel in the history of the country, and which it is to be hoped may remain unique. A great political party had triumphed at the polls, but at the first threats of dissolving the Union its supporters not only tendered back the fruits of victory, but sought peace from their opponents at any price, and it is no wonder that the representatives of the south turned from them with distrust and disgust. Every form of weak-kneed compromise from sentimental sop to abject surrender had its nervous advocates, and Lincoln, watching the pitiful exhibition, might well have felt himself betrayed in the house of his friends. Yet he displayed no personal resentment and uttered no complaints. Indeed, he sympathized with the anxiety which was disturbing the judgment of public men and appreciated the feeling of panic which wracked the general community. Foolish as were many of the measures urged to insure the national salvation, he neither despised their sponsors nor suspected their motives. Distrustful of his own abilities, he put himself in the place of those who felt that the world was out of joint, and conscious of no mental superiority, weighed all their hopes and misgivings.

But Lincoln, though "modest to the point of timidity," was not timid. In the midst of wild rumors, nerve-shaking possibilities, distracting advice and a babel of confusion, government fairly crumbling and no help in sight, he found refuge and support in no virtues or talents which are denied the ordinary man, but in that calmness and courage which every one who is born into the world may acquire if he will.

A Patient Listener.

To the swarm of the distracted who buzzed about him, some urging him to adopt their policies, others to anticipate his own, and others to send a message of reassurance and good-will to the disaffected states, he listened patiently, but gave no sign. Schooled to solve his own problems and do his own thinking, he did not feel helpless when confronted by new questions and refused to allow himself to be diverted by considering complications which had not yet occurred. From his earliest youth he had lived one day at a time, and he saw no occasion to reverse the habits of a life. Sure of the mandate that he had received from those who had elected him and fixed in his purpose neither to betray nor abuse it, he reduced the problem to its simplest form, as if for presentation to a jury of his peers, and faced the issue unafraid.

Out of this stress and storm, and of this modest but untiring deliberation there came the first inaugural—a masterpiece of pleading to whose findings of fact no exception could be taken, and whose conclusion of law were never overruled. Conscious of his own inexperience and diffident of his own powers, he surrounded himself by counselors whose training and ability had won the confidence of the nation, and to them he applied the simple tests which had long served him to gauge the characters and know the hearts of men. Without guide and with the sincere desire that the country should benefit by their services, he allowed them full scope in the performance of their several duties, even permitting encroachments on the dignity of his own office and laying aside his personal feelings for the furtherance of the trust committed to his charge. It was no complaisant weakness, however, who thus effaced himself, but a man whose daily training in the workaday world had brought him into touch with all sorts and conditions of men—men whose business it was to investigate, persuade, and coerce others to their way of thinking, and who employed every device from legitimate argument to brutal terrorizing to accomplish their ends. His constant practice in the courts had thoroughly familiarized him with the bulldozers and the troars of his profession, and long before he encountered them in his cabinet he had met the prototypes of Stanton and Seward

and Chase. A man of different temper or other training would doubtless have quarreled with those masterful men or been himself torn apart by them in their struggles for supremacy, but Lincoln handled them with a sure touch and made them work together for the nation. Thus when Stanton attempted to browbeat him at the very outset of his career, he stood unmoved by his gusty outbursts and employed his fanatical egotism to the fullest possible advantage. Chase played for the presidency even as he sat at the cabinet table, thinking that his masked moves would escape the attention of the country. "Masterful" lawyer only to find himself skilfully checked and delicately maneuvered into a resignation; and Seward, whose temporary mania of grandeur once took the form of imagining himself a dictator clothed with power to avert the civil peril by instigating a foreign war, found himself tactfully disillusioned and his reputation protected by the magnanimous silence of the man he had endeavored to supplant.

Mastery of His Work.

But while he was thus taking the measure of his associates, Lincoln was slowly but surely mastering the innumerable duties of his office, meeting its responsibilities as they developed, and familiarizing himself with his mighty powers. Ingersoll had said that "it is easy of the weak to be gentle; most people can bear adversity; but if you wish to know what a man really is give him power. That is the supreme test." Lincoln was not afraid to use his power, but he never abused it. Though invested, as president, with almost supreme authority, he never forgot its source, the power ceased to be one of the people, and the exercise of his prerogatives, instead of making him arrogant and careless of the rights of others, only added to his burden of care.

To relieve the constant strain of that burden he relied on humor, and his opponents called him a trifle; to simplify momentous questions he sought homely parallels, and the world concluded that he lacked capacity to grasp affairs of state; to humanize official action he employed droll anecdotes and illustrations, and the solemn and the pompous proclaimed him a buffoon. Absolutely free of affectation himself, he scandalized and embarrassed those whose dignity was only surface-deep, but they who fancied themselves privileged to indulge in undue liberties at his expense did not make the error twice. Slow in action, calm in danger, sincere in thought, kindly in feeling, wise in counsel, this devoted servant of the state guided the nation to safety and then found rest from the labors that had worn and saddened him for five long, stormy years.

The political passions and prejudices of the times often afford strange reading in the light of history's verdict. Americans who are taught to believe that their public men, whom they themselves elect to office, become lost to honor and dead to shame almost from the moment they are clothed with power, can learn a lesson by remembering that many of those who sought to guide popular opinion in the early days of the republic denounced Washington as a traitor, and that the names of contemporaneous leaders could be collected to prove that Lincoln was something worse. Certainly there never was a human being more unsparsingly condemned than he. Ingenuously exhausted himself in efforts to insulate his partisan malice and personal spite, both north and south, shamelessly contended to sting him with abuse; vilification strove to pillory him at every turn. But no savage word ever escaped his lips. The iron did not enter into his soul. He sought neither vindication nor revenge. Through the miasma of hatred and distrust he saw the dawning of his hopes. Before he died "he heard the hisses turn to cheers." Lincoln was a great executive, but he was a greater man. He left the world the better for his having been in it. That—his greatest achievement—is not beyond the power of the humblest in the land, and every American who strives to make his way—no matter how small that way may be—the better for his presence crowns Lincoln's courage and shares his glory.

SHORTY DOES A PARLOR STUNT

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After lunch I stretches out on one side of a big doubleavenport in the library, takin' a half snooze while some of the crowd was gettin' ready for a spin in the bubbles. I was just settled nice and comfortable, and would have been sawin' off about thirty winks in another minute, when I hears something break loose on the other side of the padded leather back. I couldn't make out, first off, whether it was a cat in a chokin' fit, or a horse with the heaves. And then I or that it's Gussie and the Widow Bill, and she was tryin' to giggle. "I will!" he was sayin'—"I will hold your hand, d-e-e-e-ary!" "Oh, naughty, naughty!" she twittered. "Don't care!" says he. "And maybe I'll squeeze it!" "Oh, Augustus!" she snickers. "Oh, Willie!" says he. "Do you not know where my other arm is: do-o-o-o you, d-e-e-e-ary?" At that I raises up and peeks over the back. "I know," says I. "It'll be in a sling, Gussie, if she ever settles back on it once." Gussie jumps and squeals. The widow, she jumps and squeals; but when they see who it is they both puts on a mushy smile. "Te-he!" says she. "Oh, it's only you, is it, Professor?" says Gussie. "I—er—that is, you see, we were just—" "Sure!" says I. "I saw. You were just workin' up to some of that Waltz Dream business, wa'n't you? But keep on, only let me make my escape." "We—we don't mind you, of course," says Gussie; "only you won't mention that." "Never a yip," says I, backin' away, and I clears out, leavin' that touchin' and tender scene behind. But do I sidetrack it as easy as that? Not so you'd notice it. Maybe you won't believe it, but that pair was so grateful for what I'd done, by way of encouragin' and gettin' 'em started, that I has all I can do to keep 'em from makin' it three-handed. Ever have a spoony couple get confidential

with you like that? Well, it's the limit! Every little while after that, durin' the rest of the party, one or the other of 'em would come huntin' me up and pilot me off to some quiet corner where I'd have to listen to 'em honey and ducky one another until I saw a chance to break away. All day Sunday it was like that, and my head begins to feel like a hunk of soggy angel cake. I'd got loose once more, though, and was chinnin' with Sadie and a lot of others, when I feels some one pullin' me by the neck of my shirt. "Professor," says he, "can I speak to you for a minute?" "Why not?" says I. "Let it come." "But," says he, "we want to speak to you alone—just us three, you know; and then the lady blacksmith lets out a snicker. "Ah, flag it!" says I. "Anyway, hold it in for half an hour, can't you?" "They're some disappointed; but they starts off. They hadn't more'n got out of sight before Sadie gives a squeal and grabs me by the arm, as excited as a kid at a fire. "Oh, goody!" says she. "How long has it been that way?" "Has which? What way?" says I. "Why there! Out there! Look!" and she points out toward the path leadin' down to the rocks. There was Marjorie and Reginald strollin' along hand in hand, and gazin' at each other like there wa'n't anything else worth lookin' at. "Oh! how did it happen?" says Sadie. "It's happenin' all over," says I. "It's catchin'." "You did it, didn't you, Shorty?" says she. "What a nice boy you are! There!" And she goes through the ice-tong movement with both hands, right there before the whole push. "Ah-ha!" says Pinckney, diggin' me in the ribs. "I knew that when that mighty intellect of yours tackled this!" "Ah, back up!" says I. "You're jealous!" But say, when I get let in for another of these parlor performances, it won't be where there's any more cross-mated pairs floatin' around in the mush bowl. I ain't got over that sticky feelin' yet.

The Greatest Feb'y Bargain Selling Ever Known

The entire Auerbach buying organization is now in New York. A fact which will be very evident here Monday, when thousands of new and seasonable bargains will be placed on sale, consisting of special shipments such as we are now constantly securing and go to show that our representatives are busily engaged in attempting to secure for us (and for you) the biggest bargains obtainable.

DID YOU EVER SEE SUCH TREMENDOUS BARGAINS BEFORE?

MONDAY!

Regular 9c
Bleached Muslin
at 5½c a yard

50 pieces bleached muslin, full yard wide, the first call brand, soft finished for the needle, regular 9c yard. Monday, limit 12 yards to a customer—

5½c a yard

ESTABLISHED 1864

F. Auerbach & Bro.

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

MONDAY!

Regular 12½c
PERCALES
at 8½c a yard

100 pieces yard-wide percales, new dress and waists styles, extensive varieties, red, navy blue, cadet blue and black grounds; also Shepherd plaids in the new bordered effects. Value 12½c yard, limit 12 yards to a customer, at a yard—

8½c a yard

THE
New Wash
Fabrics
Are Rolling in

Many new fabrics in the daintiest and most delightful colors await you here this week. Styles and shades are presented that the ripper season cannot surpass and probably will not equal. Better buy now and meet the advancing season well prepared. Besides, you have this added advantage of selecting from exclusive patterns, which will not be duplicated. Our prices as usual assist you very materially to easy selection.

Imported Filets
High class novelties, exclusive designs, for street and evening wear, per yard **75c**

The New Bordered Swiss Appliques
Exquisite shadings and designs, per yard **30c**

Novelty Striped Poplinettes
One of the most durable and wanted fabrics of the season, in street and evening shades, per yard **30c**

Mercerized Striped Suiting and Waisting Linens
Charming styles and colorings, the most reliable wash fabrics, a yard—
50c, 45c, 35c and 25c

New Japan Crepes, New Orleans Batistes, New Percales, New Zephyr Gingham, New Lawns, Everything New.

MONDAY!

Ladies' Union
Suits
BEST 65c VALUES AT 45c.

Ladies' Jersey ribbed pure white union suits with high neck and long sleeves, spring weight, sizes 3 to 6, at—

45 cents

MONDAY!

CHILDREN'S
HOSE
3 PAIR FOR 50c

Buy Monday only the very best wearing 25c seamless fast black stockings, in all sizes, at 1

3 prs. for 50c

MONDAY!

Children's Saxony
Knitted Wool Hose
BEST 35c GRADE AT 25c

All sizes in this best wearing woolen stocking on sale Monday only at, a pair—

25 cents

New Tailored Suits
For Spring 1909

You may think it early to buy (although scores of women are buying every day), but it certainly isn't too early to LOOK! Dozens of New Ideas await your inspection in our Cloak Department, and others are constantly arriving. A glimpse of what we are now showing and the prices asked will satisfy your longings for each correct dress and economical expenditure. For example, we wish to call your attention to an early collection of elegant new spring suits worth fully \$20.00.

THIS WEEK SPECIALLY PRICED at
\$14.75

Monday, up to \$7 Skirts, \$3.95

100 handsome voile and shadow stripe serge skirts, blue, black, navy and smoke, worth up to \$7.00; Monday, at **\$3.95**

MONDAY!

Regular 15c
Zephyr Gingham
9¾c a yard

100 pieces of the finest American zephyr gingham in extremely neat patterns and most attractive colorings, an immense assortment, the best washing gingham made, Regular 15c, Monday, limit 12 yards to a customer, at—

9¾c a yard

MONDAY!

\$2 Hemmed and
Hemstitched Table
Cloths at \$1.10 each

200 hemmed and hemstitched linen table cloths, bleached and silver bleached, 8-4 and 8x10 sizes, new designs. Regular \$2.00; Monday, limit 2 to a customer, at—

\$1.10 each

MONDAY!

\$6 and \$7 Silk
and Net Waists
at \$3.95

Beautiful messaline, taffetas and nets in solid colors and plaids, worth \$6 and \$7, Monday they'll go at—

\$3.95

MONDAY!

15c Hemmed
Pillow Cases at
8½c each

100 dozen hemmed bleached pillow cases, ready for use, size 45x36, value 15c, Monday, limits to a customer, at—

8½c each

THOUSANDS OF YARDS

Silks—Dress Goods

Important that you read most carefully the news that follows if you've the slightest need of Silks and Dress Goods. We say unreservedly that the economies are greater than any you'll find in Salt Lake this week.

25 pieces of 36-inch Silk Pongee, in natural color. This is a highly finished, beautiful fabric; a very desirable material for spring wear; the \$1.00 quality. Special for Monday and week at, per yard..... **59c**

50 pieces of Colored Fancy Silk, in rich popular styles, including foulards and taffetas weaves; value up to \$1.50. Special for Monday and week at, per yard..... **69c**

PANAMA CLOTH
38-INCH ALL WOOL HEAVY PANAMA, IN BLACK, BROWN, BLUE, TAN, GRAY, RED, GARNET, ETC. REGULAR 50c A YARD. SPECIAL A YARD..... **30c**

EXTRA SPECIAL
UP TO \$1.50 VALUES AT 65c A YARD. 25 PIECES 36 TO 44 INCHES ALL WOOL AND SILK AND WOOL BOULINNES VOILES, HENRIETTA, CREPES, ETC. ALL COLORS; SUITABLE FOR DAY OR EVENING WEAR; UP TO \$1.50 VALUES TO CLEAN UP AT 65c A YARD

MONDAY!

19-in. Colored Silk Messaline
A soft, glossy material, suitable for waists and evening wear; limited line of colors; our 70c quality at, a yard..... **48c**

Another Week of Genuine Bargains in EMBROIDERIES

And it will be the biggest week of EMBROIDERY SELLING in Salt Lake history. New shipments just received that surpass all our previous offers for beauty of style, excellence of workmanship and finish and extreme lowness of prices, considering quality, will make this the banner Embroidery week of the year.

600 PIECES FINE EMBROIDERIES AT LESS THAN HALF VALUE.

Including the best and prettiest hand machine worked edgings, from the tiny Baby Edge to Wide Flouncings and Insertions to match. Also several sets of genuine Madeira Embroidery, values from 20c to \$1.50, the sale prices from 10c to 65c a yard.

For 18 to 22-inch wide fine EMBROIDERY FLOUNCINGS; excellent, perfect finished qualities; values ranging up to 50c a yard; 200 patterns to choose from, at a yard..... **39c**

For pretty colored Embroidery Edgings up to 24-inch wide; in red, navy blue, pink, light blue and black; all fast color, very pretty for trimming children's dresses, boys' waists, etc.; worth 12½c a yard, at a yard..... **6c**

SPECIAL OFFERINGS IN
Fine Footwear for Spring

The Note of Newness in Footwear may sound a bit strange, for all around the cry of Cut Prices on Winter Stocks is going up. But with our Winter Stocks well cleared out, we turn with pleasure to the bright array of New Models that have arrived from the leading Eastern Makers.

Children's Heavy Kid Shoes with patent tips and heavy soles, sizes 5 to 8, **95c**

Same as above, sizes 8½ to 11, **\$1.20**

Same as above, sizes 11½ to 2, **\$1.45**

Boys' Satin Calf School Shoes, sizes 8 to 12½, at **\$1.00**

Ladies' Black Kid Shoes, light or heavy soles and patent tip, at, **\$1.45**

per pair **\$1.45**

Ladies' Fine Black Kid Shoes, with dull kid tips and patent tips. Special at **\$2.20**

OUR LADIES' NEW SPRING OXFORDS HAVE ARRIVED, AND THEY ARE CERTAINLY SWELL AND STYLISH. SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY WITH SPECIAL PRICES.

SWIFT FEBRUARY SELLING IN OUR Clothing Dept.

Hundreds of boys will will glory in new suits as the result of these great values. If you want to know what's going on in this section just cast your eyes over this list of facts and figures.

\$2.50 Boys' Suits, \$1.25
Several neat patterns, also plain black suits, for boys from 7 to 16 years; a limited number of sizes in each pattern. While they last, your choice at..... **\$1.25**

\$4.00 Boys' Suits, \$2.00.
Wool cheviot suits in gray, brown and black fancy mixed patterns; sizes 7 to 16; \$4.00 value. Special for the week at..... **\$2.00**

\$6.00 Boys' Suits, \$3.00
Wool cassimere and cheviot suits, in the popular brown effects; sizes 7 to 16 years; \$6.00 value. Special for the week at..... **\$3.00**

\$8.00 Boys' Suits, \$4.00
All remaining winter suits, many of medium weights, suitable for spring, sizes 7 to 16; \$8.00 values. Special at only..... **\$4.00**

\$18.00 Youths' Suits, \$6.75
Any youths' long-pants suit in the house, worth from \$18.00 to \$28.00, including single and double-breasted styles, sizes 20 to 36 (extra quantities of sizes 32 and 34), on sale for the week (while they last) at only..... **\$6.75**

MONDAY!

IN THE BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT
ALL BOYS' AND YOUTHS'
Overcoats Half Price